

# SIX DEAD IN TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE-TRAP; FLOORS OF THE ESCAPES OF WOOD!

One Boy Saved by Being Hurlled Into a Life Saving Net—Twenty Persons Rescued Through a Scuttle in the Roof Which Had to Be Forced Open from the Outside—Quick Tragedy at No. 35 Essex Street To-Day.

Six lives were sacrificed to-day in a fire at No. 35 Essex street. The tragedy was in one of those typical ramshackle tenements where a fire night or day means death to some of the luckless people obliged to herd therein.

In an incredibly short time the blaze had gutted the building, and when the firemen made their rounds of the wreck they found the bodies of four children and two women.

Twenty persons were saved from suffocation by the presence of mind of two neighbors, who forced open a scuttle in the roof.

## THE DEAD AND MISSING AT ESSEX STREET FIRE.

**LIST OF THE DEAD.**  
**POLOCHIN, MRS. ANNA**, body found on roof, identified in Eldridge street station by her husband, Bernard Polochin, who is believed to have become insane from the shock.  
**KNOPF, ANNIE**, LEIBOWITZ, JULES, five years old.  
**LEIBOWITZ, MORRIS**, three years old.  
 Two charred bodies of children unidentified.  
**MISSING.**  
**KNOPF, ROSE**, aged three, whose mother, Annie, was also burned to death.

## DETAILS OF THE DEADLY TENEMENT-TRAP HORROR.

When it was supposed that a fire had been extinguished in the big tenement house at No. 35 Essex street to-day, without the loss of a life and after a boy had been caught in a life net, firemen who went through the building to discover the cause of the blaze, found on the roof the charred body of a woman.

Later the dead bodies of another woman and four children were found.

**Boy Dropped to Safety.**  
 Soon after the fire was discovered an aged man appeared at the fourth story window holding in his arms an eight-year-old boy. He was making preparations to hurl the boy out of the window as the flames and smoke came nearer to him, but the crowd motioned him back.

Wolf Youker, a neighbor, scaled a fire-escape, ran like a cat over the ledge of the building and grabbed from the old man's arms the boy. Below him the firemen, also having seen the man and boy, had stretched the life net. Taking deliberate aim, Youker hurled the boy downward. As the boy touched the net, the firemen pulled out and the boy was bounced uninjured to the street.

The boy was Morris Rosenberg, eight years old, and the old man who had carried him to the window was his grandfather. The other members of the family had escaped.

While the thousands of excited people who had gathered in the streets cheered the firemen who rescued the boy, the building, hearing the shrieks of people who were evidently unable to get out, the fire started in the furniture and paint shop of Isaac Gross, on the first floor. His store was separated from the back room, occupied by Sigmund Moses and his wife and their granddaughter.

**Fought the Fire with a Broom.**  
 Working their way through the smoke and fire the firemen found Moses and his wife fighting the fire in their dark little room with a broom. Their granddaughter, Miss Hortense Berliner, of No. 372 Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, who was visiting them, was unconscious on the floor. The flames were creeping close to her.

The three were carried to the street. Mrs. Moses was badly burned about the face, arms and body, and after first aid had been applied on the street, she was sent to Gouverneur Hospital, where it was said her condition was serious. Her husband was not so seriously injured, and after being attended by ambulance surgeons remained at the scene of the fire. The granddaughter was resuscitated and was sent to her home in Brooklyn.

**Two Children Unconscious.**  
 Jacob Moskowitz, a resident of the tenement-house in the rear of the burning building, tried to descend from his room on the third floor on a fire-escape at the back of the house. He has but one arm, and the hand is missing from that. In descending he fell and was found unconscious in the area-way at the rear of the burning building.

He was carried to the street, where it was found that his one arm was broken, his beard burned off and his face and body badly scorched. He may have suffered internal injuries. He was sent to Gouverneur Hospital.

building they had been overcome by the dense smoke and had fallen to the floor. When carried out they were nearly dead and were carried to a drug store, where restoratives were applied. They will recover.

**Broke Open Roof Scuttle.**  
 David Rose and Nathan Moss, residents of the neighborhood, believing that all of the tenants could not get out of the building by the street doors, ran over several roofs until they were on top of the burning building.

They found the scuttle nailed down, and after much hammering they broke it open.

Three, crowded on a little ladder and huddled into the dark and smoke-filled corner, were a score of persons, mostly women and children, who were slowly becoming suffocated by the thick smoke which was coming up through the halls from the fire below.

Men had made way for the women and children, and shoved them closer to the closed scuttle. It was their only chance, that some one would happen to think of the roof and release them. A few more minutes and they would all have been dead.

Rose and Moss lifted the people out and carried them to neighboring roofs, where they were resuscitated.

**Fire Due to Explosion.**  
 The first intimation of the fire was a small explosion in Gross's paint shop. This was followed by a heavy cloud of smoke which completely filled the lower floor. Finding its way into the hall it went through the entire five-story building.

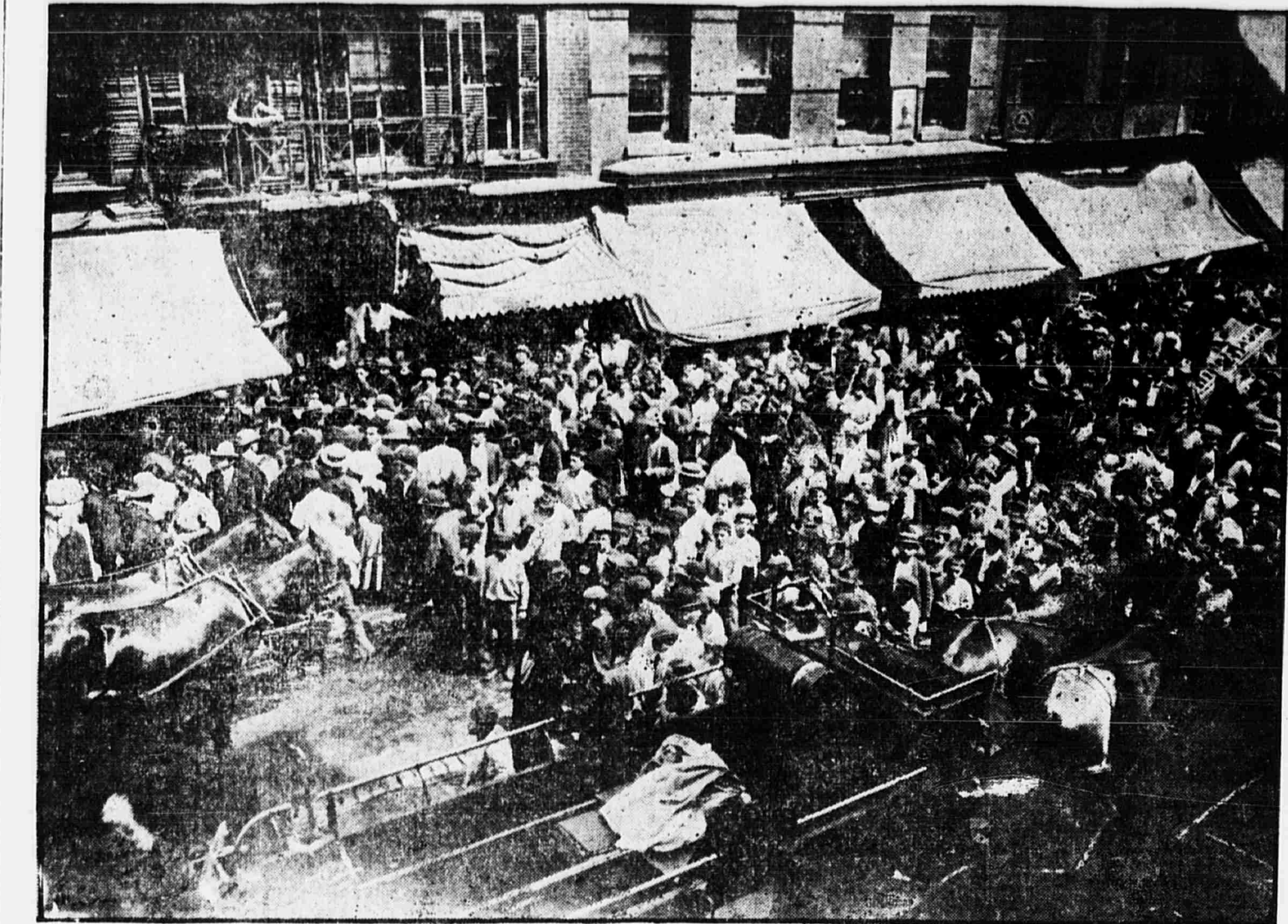
On each floor four to eight families lived, and in each family the police said there were several children, many of them having six or seven children. The panic within the building during the interval of the fire was intense.

A report spread in the crowds that Mrs. Moses, who was sent to the hospital, had been unable to save a large quantity of jewelry and money she had concealed in her room.

Police reserves were called to the scene of the fire from a number of stations. This was necessary to hold the crowds in check, and the greatest excitement prevailed throughout the neighborhood. Women and men became hysterical in the streets, and ambulance calls were sent in continuously.

**Luckless Leibowitz Children.**  
 The bodies of the four children taken from the rear are those of Nathan Leibowitz's family.  
 Polochin was at work when he heard of the fire. When he reached Essex street and was unable to find his wife he was told that the body of a woman had been taken to the Eldridge street station. He ran there and looked at the dead body.

He told of his recognition of the body by a loud shriek and would have fallen from the rear if he had not been caught by the police. His emotion was so intense that he could not control the shock had unsettled his mind.



CROWD IN ESSEX STREET WATCHING BODIES BEING TAKEN FROM BURNED BUILDING.

## HOLLENBERG'S WIFE LEAVES.

After Receiving Registered Letters She Hurriedly Boards an Express Train.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
 NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Clara Hollenberg, the wife of Henry W. Hollenberg, whose clothing was found in a bathhouse at Coney Island and Thursday, and who the police believe has deliberately vanished, hurriedly left her home to-day and boarded an express train for Manhattan. This morning and last night she received several registered letters and it is believed that she has heard from her missing husband.

Lloyd Duncan, Mrs. Hollenberg's son, will go to Fairchild, Wis., where he will live with his grandfather, N. C. Foster, a wealthy lumberman.

It is said that Mrs. Hollenberg knew very little of her husband's plans when she married him two months ago in Chicago.

Since his disappearance she has not wept and has not appeared in the least excited. This leads her neighbors to believe that she knows where he is. Some New Rochelle people believe Hollenberg has vanished for advertising purposes.

**MANY FROM CUBA ARE QUARANTINED.**  
 Only 32 of the Morro Castle's 108 Passengers Are Allowed to Land for Fear of Yellow Fever.

When the Ward line steamer Morro Castle reached her dock at Pier 16, East River, to-day only thirty-two of the original 108 passengers filed down the gang plank. The rest had been held up by Health Officer Doty and sent to the summer Quarantine Hospital at Hoffman Island for five days' observation to decide whether they might have brought the germs of yellow fever with them from Havana.

The ship's purser was besieged with anxious seekers for friends and relatives.

Of the second cabin passengers only one was allowed to come up with the ship. Of the first cabin more than half were sent to Hoffman Island.

Among the intermediate passengers were seven young Cubans who have come up here to attend college. They were met at the pier by M. Yedon, who is a student at Columbia. Of the seven, A. L. Garcia, V. de Leon, J. A. Lopez and F. Turro will enter the University of Pennsylvania. J. de la Torre, G. de la Vega and Felipe Velasco, Jr., will go to Lehigh.



NO. 35 ESSEX STREET.

## STEAMER SEARCHED FOR A BIG SWINDLER; CATHOLIC WOMEN AT MRS. RUBSAM'S BIER

Agent Theobald Expects to Make Important Arrest and Confiscate Much Valuable Property.

Much excitement was caused during the examination of baggage on board the Kronprinz Wilhelm by the fact that Special Treasury Agent Theobald expected to make an important arrest on a charge of smuggling. Agent Theobald went about among various passengers and examining baggage, but evidently was unable to find the evidence for which he was looking.

Customs officials, however, insisted that an important arrest was soon to be made and that much valuable property would be confiscated as a result of the arrest.

**STATE TO EMPRESS.**  
 HAMBURG, Aug. 19.—A statue in honor of the late Empress Frederick was unveiled here to-day with considerable ceremony in the presence of the Emperor and Empress, the Crown Prince, Frederick William, other members of the royal family and members of the diplomatic corps.

**Murdered Wife's Body Escorted to Hearse by 150 Members of Benevolent League.**

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Rubsam, of No. 480 Willis avenue, who was killed Saturday by her husband, Charles C. Rubsam, who afterward killed himself, were held to-day at her late residence and at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, with interment at the Lutheran Cemetery, Middle Village, L. I.

The body was in the room immediately beneath that in which she was killed. It was a box of roses, the gifts of the societies connected with the church, of many of which Mrs. Rubsam was a member, and of friends. One hundred and fifty members of the Catholic Women's Benevolent League formed a line from the house to the hearse, between which the casket was carried. Then the delegation fell in behind the hearse and marched with it to the church.

Two calls for police reserves were made because of the dense crowd which surged about the house and church. Three thousand persons pushed their way into the church past the police after the doors had been closed once upon them. The mass was shortened on account of the fear of a panic or accident.

## MINERS BLOW UP WORKMAN'S HOME

Dynamite Placed in a Door Crack of John Wachs's House in Pittston.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
 PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 19.—John Wachs's home in Centre street was wrecked early this morning by dynamite. Members of the family were all thrown from their beds, but none was injured.

Wachs, his two sons and a son-in-law have been working at the Butler mine since the strike began and have incurred the enmity of their neighbors, all of whom are out on strike.

The dynamite was placed in the crack of the front door of the house and fired with a percussion cap. The door was wrecked and the parlor of the residence is in ruins.

**RUSH OF TROOPS PREVENTS RIOT**  
 (Special to The Evening World.)  
 MAITCH, CHINK, Pa., Aug. 19.—Crowds of strikers and strike sympathizers along Panther Creek Valley this morning saw the troops march in from Shenandoah and take control.

Part of the Twelfth Regiment is now stationed at Nesquehoning, where last night Patrick Sharpe, leader of the strikers in that district, was shot and killed by Coal and Iron Policeman Harry McElmoyre. Other detachments are at Lansford, where Sharpe's body was taken, and at Summit Hill, where large crowds of the strikers have gathered.

There is much excitement, but up to this time there has been no serious violence. Sheriff Gombert to-day went to Lansford.

McElmoyre is in jail, having been brought here by a guard of coal and iron police, in addition to the police force of Nesquehoning.

**TWO NON-UNION MEN SHOT FROM AMBUSH.**  
 SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 19.—Michael Connelly and Forrest Crossman, said to be non-union workmen employed about the Edgerton colliery, were shot from ambush to-day, presumably by strikers.

Crossman was so badly wounded that it was necessary to amputate his right foot. Connelly's condition is regarded as serious.

The men were working on a water course near the breaker when a bullet whizzed close to Crossman's head. Connelly says he thought the shot had been fired by mine guards and shouted a warning. Two more shots followed, a bullet lodging in Crossman's leg and a charge of shot shattering Connelly's shoulder.

**DROWNED MAN'S BODY FOUND.**  
 The body of an unidentified man, about eighteen years old, was found in the water off Governor's Island this morning, by Patrolman Abraham Van Tassel. He was about 5 feet 6 inches tall, had light complexion, red hair and wore a blue shirt and light undershirt.

**GEN. ALGER HESITATES.**  
 DETROIT, Aug. 19.—Ex-Secretary Alger says that he is ready to announce his candidacy for the Senate, to succeed the late James McMillan. "I shall reach a decision some time this week," he said.

## MRS. J. LESTER WALLACK INHALES GAS AND DIES.

Beautiful Wife of Famous Actor's Grandson Had a Great Many Troubles, Domestic and Financially, It Is Said.



MRS. WALLACK, SUICIDE.

Mrs. Eleanor Wallack, thirty-one years old, and the wife of J. Lester Wallack, who is a grandson of Lester Wallack, the old-time actor, committed suicide to-day in her apartment, No. 253 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, by inhaling gas. It is said financial difficulties prompted her to kill herself.

At 2 o'clock this morning James Fee, with whom the Wallacks board, smelled gas and traced it to the bathroom. The door was locked, and as he could not force it he climbed around to the window on the fire-escape and opened it.

**Used Shower Tube.**  
 The little room was filled with gas and Mrs. Wallack lay dead in the bathtub. She had attached a rubber shower-bath tube to the gas jet and placed the other end in her mouth with a paper cone around it.

**Was a Blond Beauty.**  
 She was a beautiful woman of the blond type, and is said to be a member of a Philadelphia family prominent in the exclusive Rittenhouse Square society of the Quaker City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallack have not lived happily together, and a few weeks ago brought suit and counter-suit for divorce in Brooklyn. It is said, patched up their differences out of court.

Several weeks ago they were turned out of the Hotel Minot, at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Eighth avenue. Their trunks were held by Manager Humphreys. Wallack was the leading man for Proctor's One Hundred

and Twenty-fifth street stock company, and, according to Manager Washburn, of the theatre, was discharged because of "unreliability."

His wife tried to get an engagement on the stage, and succeeded, it is said, a week ago. She could not accept, as Humphreys would not give up her clothes.

Then Wallack raised such a disturbance that he was arrested in the hotel. His father, Charles E. Wallack, an insurance broker, of No. 41 Pine street, gave bail for him.

Friends of the suicide differ as to the motive for her act. Some say financial and others domestic trouble caused her to take her life.

Mrs. Wallack was formerly the wife of a Mr. Townsend, of Philadelphia, and has a son and a daughter there. Her father is a wealthy manufacturer of pianos in the Quaker City.

## FIVE HURT IN SUBWAY BLAST

Engineer and Laborers Seriously Burned by Gas Explosion of Stationary Engine.

Five men were seriously burned in an explosion of gas this afternoon from a stationary engine used in the subway work in front of the Grand Union Hotel. They were:

John Fitzpatrick, engineer, of No. 29 West Forty-seventh street.  
 Albert Blum, of No. 64 Murray street, Jersey City.  
 Hans Friedrickson, of No. 787 Communipaw avenue, Jersey City.  
 Helmer Suderstrom, of No. 787 Communipaw avenue, Jersey City.

An unidentified negro.  
 The engine had been shut down by Fitzpatrick at noon. It is supposed that gas collected in the boiler because the damper was turned off. While the laborers were eating their lunches near the engine Fitzpatrick started to open the boiler door.

There was a tremendous explosion and the door of the fire-box was blown wide open. A great sheet of flame blazed forth, enveloping the men near by. Persons on the street were scorched and temporarily blinded by the heat and glare.

When the fire had died away the five men lay stretched out unconscious on the street. The negro was revived enough to be sent home, but Fitzpatrick was so badly burned that a hurry call for an ambulance was sent to Bellevue Hospital. He was taken there in a precarious condition. The other men were sent to Flower Hospital.

The boiler was used on the Deegan-McLean Contracting Company's section of the tunnel. This was about the sixth accident to happen near the Forty-second street portion of the subway.

**INSANE DETECTIVE RETIRED.**  
 Commissioner Partridge Grants Request of Moran's Wife.

Commissioner Partridge to-day placed on the retired list Detective-Sergeant John Moran, of the Brooklyn Detective Office. This action was taken at the request of Moran's wife, who stated that her husband was hopelessly insane in an asylum.

**GETS A CROKER BULLDOG.**  
 SARATOGA, Aug. 19.—John J. Scannell has returned here. Richard Croker, Jr., dropped in at Saratoga and remained long enough to present a three-month-old son of the famous Rodney Stone to Mr. Scannell. He will call the bulldog Wantage.

**CUDAHY'S SELL OUT.**  
 OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 19.—It is stated here that the Cudahy Packing Company has sold out to the Packers' Combine and the new trust will take possession Sept. 1.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
 ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 19.—Charles M. Schwab, President of the United States Steel Trust, is a passenger on the day express on the Pennsylvania train due in New York at 8.15 this evening. He is travelling in his special car attached, and unless his plans are changed he will sail for Europe to-morrow. Mrs. Schwab and a maid accompany him.

To a world correspondent who met him at Cresson Mr. Schwab said: "I do not care to discuss these silly stories about me. I don't look like a sick man, do I? It is time that I am going away for a rest. That is all I care to say."

Mr. Schwab read with amusement the newspaper accounts of his alleged collapse as he sat in his car. His eye was clear, although his face was drawn and tired-looking. He walked slowly about the platform at Cresson, leaning on a cane, but conversed with a number of his friends, who came to see him off. He appeared to be in good spirits and laughed heartily at references to his illness.

When asked if he intended to resign from the Presidency of the Steel Trust, he said: "Oh, I don't care to say anything about that—absolutely nothing. I think the best way to treat such stories is not to pay any attention to them."

Joseph Schwab, the brother of Mr. Schwab, will meet him on his arrival at New York. Joseph has made all the arrangements for the immediate future movements of the President of the Steel Trust.

**SCHWAB NOT VERY ILL, SAYS DIRECTOR.**  
 (Special to The Evening World.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 19.—A director of the United States Steel Corporation to-day denied the story that ill health had compelled Mr. Schwab to resign and that James Gaynor had been slated as his successor.

"Charles M. Schwab," he said, "will not resign the Presidency of the United States Steel Corporation. Affairs between Mr. Schwab, the directorate and the stockholders of the concern were never more harmonious than at the present moment. Ambitious manipulators in Wall street are responsible for the persistent rumors to the contrary."

**Stern Brothers**  
 will close out to-morrow the remainder of  
**Women's Summer Shirt Waists**  
 Of Wash and China Silks, Reduced from \$4.00 at \$1.95  
**West Twenty-third Street.**